

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on February 16, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 291, 1/26/2017; HB 430, 2/10/2017; SB 58, 2/9/2017;
SB 142, 2/9/2017

HEARING ON SB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:08 Sen. Mary McNally (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 58, Prohibit the use of \$0 claims for insurance policy cancellation or renewal.

[EXHIBIT\(buh34a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:44 Bob Biskupiak, Office of the State Auditor (OSA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh34a02\)](#)

00:15:01 Doug Heller, Consumer Federation of America

00:18:06 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:06 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:29:37 Aimee Grmoljez, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA)

00:32:31 Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance Group, American Insurance Association, American Council of Life Insurers

00:34:40 Brad Dantic, Alps Property and Casualty Insurance Company

[EXHIBIT\(buh34a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh34a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:36 Rep. Zolnikov

00:43:22 Brad Dantic, Alps Property and Casualty Insurance Company

00:45:24 Rep. Loge

00:46:13 Brad Dantic, Alps Property and Casualty Insurance Company

00:46:31 Rep. Loge

00:47:31 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:47:43 Rep. Funk

00:48:35 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:49:32 Rep. Gunderson

00:50:42 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:51:13 Rep. Trebas

00:52:01 Sen. McNally

00:52:13 Rep. Curtis

00:52:29 Rep. Trebas

00:52:44 Sen. McNally

00:53:59 Rep. Vinton

00:54:11 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:54:35 Rep. Vinton

00:56:47 Brad Dantic, Alps Property and Casualty Insurance Company

00:57:22 Rep. Rosendale

00:59:01 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:59:32 Rep. Olsen

01:01:03 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:56 Sen. McNally

HEARING ON SB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:07:22 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 142, Revise laws related to volunteer emergency personnel and worker's comp insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:17 Leonard Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance, Manchester Volunteer Fire Department

01:11:52 Don Judge, Governor's Labor and Management Advisory Council (LMAC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:15:35 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:49 Rep. Trebas

01:16:24 Sen. Facey

01:17:05 Rep. Fitzgerald

01:19:30 Leonard Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance, Manchester Volunteer Fire Department

01:20:26 Rep. Rosendale

01:20:49 Sen. Facey

01:21:01 Rep. Rosendale

01:22:04 Kevin Braun, MSF

01:22:27 Rep. Curdy

01:23:50 Leonard Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance, Manchester Volunteer Fire Department

01:24:21 Rep. Curdy

01:24:46 Kevin Braun, MSF

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:56 Sen. Facey

HEARING ON HB 430

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:29:09 Rep. Adam Hertz (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 430, Create exception to liquor quota system for residential senior facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:32:13 Aimee Grmoljez, Immanuel Lutheran Communities

[EXHIBIT\(buh34a05\)](#)

01:37:44 Jason Cronk, Immanuel Lutheran Communities

01:40:20 Carla Wilton, Immanuel Lutheran Communities

01:43:41 Lois McClaren, Self

01:45:41 Shirley Gregory, Self

01:47:59 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

01:49:58 Brenda Connolly, The Springs Living
01:53:07 Jean Tyser, Self
01:54:17 Bill McLaren, Self
01:55:57 Marilyn Knutson, Self
01:57:37 Shirley Miller, Self
01:59:26 Ronalee Skees, Immanuel Lutheran Communities

EXHIBIT(buh34a06)

02:00:03 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association
02:02:18 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System

Opponents' Testimony:

02:03:03 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
02:04:42 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association
02:08:29 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)
02:09:11 Bob Miller, Liquor Store Owners Association of Montana
02:10:09 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association

Informational Testimony:

02:11:59 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:12:27 Rep. Gunderson
02:13:26 Rep. Hertz
02:14:06 Rep. Olsen
02:16:33 Brenda Connolly, The Springs Living
02:17:08 Rep. Schreiner
02:17:52 John Iverson, MTA
02:19:28 Rep. Schreiner
02:20:21 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System
02:20:48 Jason Cronk, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
02:21:42 Rep. Ricci
02:21:59 Jason Cronk, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
02:22:11 Rep. Gunderson
02:22:42 Jason Cronk, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
02:23:24 Rep. Gunderson
02:24:24 Rep. Curdy
02:27:52 Shauna Helfert, DOR
02:28:15 Rep. Loge
02:29:30 John Iverson, MTA
02:29:43 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
02:30:19 Shauna Helfert, DOR
02:30:55 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
02:33:32 Brenda Connolly, The Springs Living
02:33:59 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
02:34:12 Rep. Rosendale
02:34:29 Brenda Connolly, The Springs Living

Closing by Sponsor:

02:35:26 Rep. Hertz

HEARING ON HB 291

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:37:06 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 291, Prohibit certain underwriting factors for private passenger insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:41:38 Doug Heller, Consumer Federation of America
[EXHIBIT\(buh34a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:51:10 Roger McGlenn, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana
02:58:46 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
03:04:38 Bruce Spencer, Allstate Insurance Company
03:08:37 Aimee Grmoljez, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America
03:10:25 Jon Metropoulos, American Insurance Association, Farmers Insurance Group

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:14:47 Rep. Ricci
03:14:58 Doug Heller, Consumer Federation of America
03:15:47 Rep. Ricci
03:16:03 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
03:16:16 Rep. Windy Boy
03:16:45 Bruce Spencer, Allstate Insurance Company
03:17:15 Rep. Windy Boy
03:17:33 Doug Heller, Consumer Federation of America
03:17:59 Rep. Olsen
03:19:21 Doug Heller, Consumer Federation of America
03:20:36 Rep. Olsen
03:21:52 Rep. Zolnikov
03:24:40 Rep. Jacobson
03:25:13 Rep. Trebas
03:26:02 Doug Heller, Consumer Federation of America
03:27:15 Chair Noland
03:29:47 Rep. Rosendale
03:30:20 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

Closing by Sponsor

:03:31:10 Rep. Jacobson

03:32:46 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh34aad.pdf](#))